

## 2013 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Online



### Advantages and Benefits of Administering the ELPA Online

#### Positive Student Feedback and Increased Student Engagement

- 2011 and 2012 survey results show an overwhelming number (78%) of English Learners (ELs) who took the ELPA Online favor testing on a computer vs. traditional paper-pencil. In 2012, over 9,000 students took the test online.
- Administrators report that students taking the ELPA Online are less distracted, more engaged, and seem to actually enjoy a computer-based assessment.

#### Decreased Administrative Burden

- No more time-consuming packaging and shipping of assessment materials.
- No need to instruct students on how to properly complete their answer document.
- No need to check a student's testing materials for stray pencil marks or incomplete bubbles.

- Minimal time commitment required of District and School IT Coordinators to install software and set-up workstations.

#### An Overall Benefit to Your School

- 78% of past ELPA Test Administrators rate the overall online experience as "Good" or "Really Good".
- Districts that choose to administer the ELPA Online can easily assess their technical-readiness for other online assessments on a low-stake scale.

#### Who can participate?

English Learners (ELs) in grades 3 – 12 are eligible to take the Spring ELPA Online instead of the paper-pencil Spring ELPA. Interested districts should sign-up by October 19th, 2012. FAQ's, ELPA Online Informational Webex dates/times, and more information can also be found at [www.michigan.gov/elpa](http://www.michigan.gov/elpa). Feel free to contact the Office of Standards & Assessment at [baa@michigan.gov](mailto:baa@michigan.gov) with questions.